

Next steps for Phase 2 rollout

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This is an official communication from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Unemployment Insurance Division.

As you may know, we have been rolling out the benefit extensions and changes outlined in the Continued Assistance Act in phases. Tomorrow (Saturday, February 20) we will roll out **Phase 2**, which includes:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) claimants who exhausted the balance on their claim before 12/26/20
- PUA and PEUC claimants who have exhausted their balance since Phase 1 opened on 2/1/21
- Regular state unemployment claimants who have exhausted their benefits will be able to file for PEUC

Phase 2 will make available the 11 additional weeks of PUA and PEUC benefits provided by the Continued Assistance Act. Claimants receiving these benefits will also receive Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) benefits, which provide an additional \$300 weekly benefit.

Please make sure to follow any instructions you receive within the [MyUI+](#) application. Depending on your individual situation, here's how things should work:

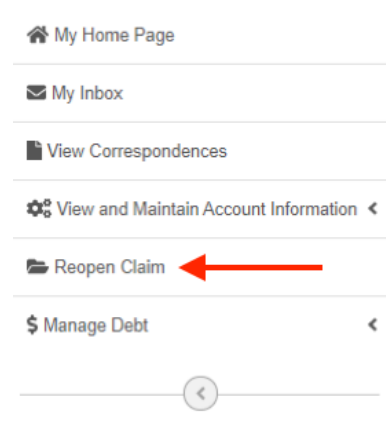
PUA Claimants

If you have not exhausted the PUA balance on your claim, just continue to request payment each week as you normally would. Once you exhaust your original 39 weeks of PUA benefits, MyUI+ will automatically add the additional 11 weeks provided by the Continued Assistance Act to your claim.

If you have exhausted the PUA balance on your claim, you should see an option to reopen your claim in MyUI+ beginning on Saturday, February 20 (if there are no holds or other issues on your claim).

Your claim will be automatically backdated to 12/27/20 or to the

Sunday following your last certified week, whichever is later. If you have not already done so, you may first need to apply for Standard UI benefits to ensure you are not eligible for regular state unemployment benefits.

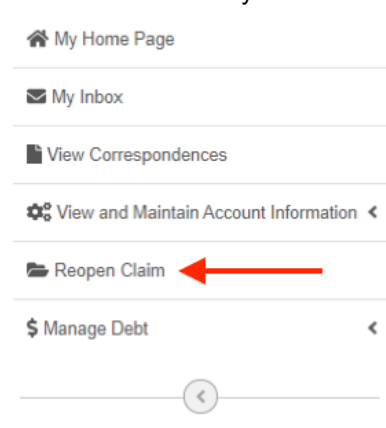


If you were previously receiving PEUC prior to 12/26/20 but have been receiving PUA benefits since Phase 1 launched on February 1, you will be switched back to PEUC.

PEUC Claimants

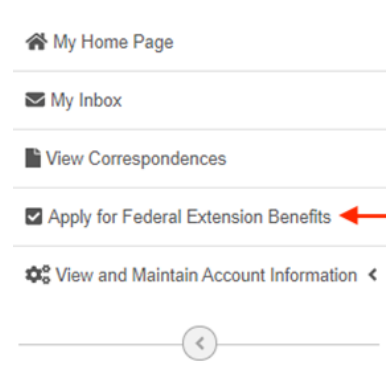
If you have not exhausted the PEUC balance on your claim, you do not need to take any action. MyUI+ will automatically add the additional 11 weeks provided by the Continued Assistance Act to your claim.

If you have exhausted the PEUC balance on your claim, you should see an option to reopen your claim in MyUI+ beginning on Saturday, February 20 (if there are no holds or other issues on your claim). Your claim will be automatically backdated to 12/27/20 or to the Sunday following your last certified week, whichever is later.



Regular State UI Claimants

If you have exhausted your regular state unemployment benefits, you are eligible to file for federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC). Beginning on Saturday, February 20, you should see an option to “Apply for Federal Extension Benefits” in your MyUI+ account.



SEB Claimants

Claimants who were on State Extended Benefits (SEB) when it was triggered off, whether or not they filed for PUA prior to 12/26, will be able to file for the 11 additional weeks of PEUC. The PEUC claim will be automatically backdated to 12/27/20.

Claimants with Locked Accounts or Program Integrity Holds

If you see a message within MyUI+ that your account is locked, or if your account has a program integrity hold, please submit a [Program Integrity Hold form](#). If you have already submitted this form, you do not need to do so again.

We understand that this gap in benefits has been challenging, and we appreciate your patience as we have worked to program these changes into our systems.

Please do not respond to this automated email. Thank you.